

**Friends:**

grades 3-8  
Limit 15  
Open to all  
Abilities.  
Online registration  
form requests specific  
re: abilities

**Friendship**

**Ambassadors:**

Grades 4-12  
Training Required  
Limit 20-30

1 vol. training per  
year  
6 events per year  
(Sept—May)  
60-75 minutes ea.

**Activities:**

*(hired or freebie or  
staff planned)*

Therapy Dogs  
Live Music  
Crafts or Games  
Movie w/activities  
Scavenger Hunt  
Magic Show  
Live Animals  
Adaptive karate  
Music Therapy  
DIY Light Shows

**Staff:**

2-3 staff plus  
1-2 special ed teacher  
volunteers, plus 1-3  
hired aides @ \$45 ea.

**Partner:**

Northern Suburban  
Special Education  
District provides  
training and volun-  
teer teacher. In re-  
turn, all abilities wel-  
come.

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# Friendship CLUB

**Grades 3-8 • Community Room**

For children who want to make friends in a supportive environment. Trained **Friendship Ambassadors** in grades 4-12 host fun and engaging events where everyone feels welcome.

**Fun in the Dark! DIY Light Shows & Live Music with Wendy Morgan of Vocal Gymnasium**  
Friday, January 30, 7-8:15 PM

**Adaptive Karate with North Shore Dojo of Glenview**  
Saturday, February 28, 3-4:15 PM

**REGISTER:**  
Online: [glenviewpl.org/register](http://glenviewpl.org/register)  
Call: 847-729-7500 x 7900  
Visit: Youth Services Desk  
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# Friendship AMBASSADORS TRAINING

**Grades 4-12 • Community Room**  
**Saturday, January 17, 2:30-4:30 PM**

The Library needs your help in providing social opportunities for kids of all abilities. Do you like to listen to music, make crafts and hang out with new friends? Become a **Friendship Ambassador** and help make everybody feel welcome as we enjoy fun activities together. Earn service hours, too. Required training provided by the Northern Suburban Special Education District.

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# What is Friendship Club?



## Serving Grades 3-8

**Friendship Club** is a program series where trained peers create a warm, welcoming and kind environment for children who find it difficult to make friends on their own.

**Friendship Club** is most beneficial for those children who are seeking social opportunities in a safe environment. **Friendship Club** can greatly benefit children who just need more practice and successes. We have welcomed a broad range of kids who want to make friends, from shy to non-verbal.

**Ambassadors** are in grades 4-12. They have attended a training session led by staff from the Northern Suburban Special Education District. Many have prior experience with special needs children, either from buddy programs at school or due to experience with relatives or friends.

A different activity is planned for each gathering and friends are paired with **Ambassadors**. Sometimes there are more **Ambassadors** than participants, in which case kids work together in small groups. When possible, we try to keep some consistency with pairings that were successful at past events.

**Friendship Club** welcomes children of all abilities. Parents complete an online form which requests information about accommodations, preferences, and hobbies/interests. The form also asks if a child requires a one-on-one aid in the classroom. If the answer to this question is "yes," parents are requested to wait for final confirmation that we have sufficient assistance to welcome their child. On a couple of occasions, parents have remained in the room.

In 2015 we hope to offer six **Friendship Club** events plus one **Ambassador Training** class which will be held on January 17, 2015.

For dates and registration, visit [glenviewpl.org/kidsPP](http://glenviewpl.org/kidsPP) and click on "Friendship Club & Ambassadors."

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